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To the Clergy and Parishioners of the several Parishes in the Diocese of Toronto.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

About this time in the preceding year I called your attention to the critical condition of the MISSION FUND of the Diocese, and expressed my anxious desire that vigorous and united efforts should be made to extricate it from the state of embarrassment in which it was unhappily placed.

I stated to you that, with balances overdrawn and money borrowed to meet former payments, this fund was in arrears to the extent of \$3739.47, exclusive of the amount required for the stipends due on January 1, 1866, viz. \$2097.50; making the whole amount of deficiency at the time I addressed you \$5836.97.

Though not without considerable anxiety as to the possibility of recovering ourselves from this alarming condition of the Fund, I felt that there was that buoyancy and religious life amongst the members of our Church in general, which would, if fairly put forth, effect our entire relief from all chance of crippling our Missionary operations.

In this I have not been disappointed; for through the efforts of the friends of the Church Society, both Clergy and Laity, the whole amount of last year's arrears has been cancelled, and we are only behind hand in the amount of the quarter's stipend due to our Missionaries on the 1st January next, viz. about \$2200; instead of \$5836 at the present period of the last year.

It is true we have to take into account the munificent donation of \$2000 bequeathed by the late Mrs. Williams, of Tecumseth,—a thoughtfulness for the interest and advancement of the Church, which I hope will be extensively imitated. But even with this abatement from the fund actually raised in the Diocese, we find a large and most hopeful improvement in our financial position as compared with what it was the preceding year. I feel persuaded that if the same strenuous efforts are put forth this winter, which were so cheerfully exerted last winter, we shall have enough in hand to meet the January payments of 1868, and probably be able,—which is so much to be desired,—to increase the number of our Missionary labourers.

During the past year *thirty-two* Missionaries, *one* Indian School Master, *one* Indian Interpreter, *eleven* Widows and *four* Orphans have received aid from the Society, as follows:

32 Missionaries.....	\$9063 39.
1 Indian School Master.....	300 00.
1 Indian Interpreter.....	30 00.
11 Widows.....	1940 00.
4 Orphans.....	200 00.